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DEPT FOR A/SY/E&T

ATHENS FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SY MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS

REF: 1) STATE'S 065976 2) THESSALONIKI'S 0182

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONSIDERATION OF POST'S REQUEST
FOR EARLY VISIT OF MOBILE TEAM MEMBER HERE.

2. REF 1 STATES THAT VISIT MAY BE POSSIBLE IN MID-JUNE.
AS INDICATED REF (2), GREATEST PERCEIVED THREAT HERE
AT PRESENT IS FROM RADICAL AND HIGHLY VOLATILE MIXED
ARAB-CYPRIOT-FAR LEFT STUDENT POPULATION AT
THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY, LESS THAN HALF A MILE FROM
CONGEN. UNIVERSITY NOW IN SESSION AND WILL BE UNTIL
MID OR LATE JUNE.

3. QUESTION IS ONE OF TIMELINESS. POTENTIAL THREAT
EXISTS HERE AND NOW. POST HAS WEAPONRY AND DEVICES ON
HAND BUT APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL NEED INSTRUCTION
IN THEIR HANDLING, AS WELL AS IN GENERAL PROTECTIVE
SECURITY TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES CITED PARA B, AIRGRAM
1303. ALTHOUGH VISIT IN MID-JUNE WOULD BE WELCOME
AND USEFUL, IT WOULD OCCUR AT TIME WHEN PRESENTLY
PERCEIVED MAXIMUM THREAT WOULD HAVE ABATED FOR
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FOUR MONTHS (I.E., UNTIL UNIVERSITY'S REOPENING

IN OCTOBER).

4. AGAIN REQUEST DEPTCONSIDER POSSIBILITY STOP
HERE OF AT LEAST ONE QUALIFIED TEAM MEMBER FOR ONE DAY
EN ROUTE NEAR EAST FOR INDOCTRINATION POST PERSONNEL.
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